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Gerig resigns vice-president post

An era in GFC administrative history recently ended as Lee Gerig resigned his position of Vice President of Student Affairs.

GFC president Ed Stevens announced the resignation in chapel on March 28. Gerig's last day on campus was April 4.

Gerig will become Dean of Admissions and Marketing at Seattle University starting April 14.

Seattle University is the Northwest's largest private college with 4,500 students. It was founded in 1891 by Jesuit scholars.

"We rejoice with Lee," said Stevens, "it's a good thing for him. We'll miss him and wish him well."

Gerig was notified of the new position in January and was officially offered the post March 12, which he accepted a few days later. "I came to the point where I felt there was a new chapter in my life," said Gerig about accepting the position.

"I have a real sense of release and peace about the decision," said Gerig. "I felt I was at a point in my career--a 'Y' in the road --

where there might be just this one more career change in my life."

Gerig has been at George Fox for seven years, coming from Seattle Pacific University where he had been for 10 years, the last nine as dean of admissions.

"My experience here at GFC has been very rewarding and challenging," said Gerig. "I've developed some special friendships between students and colleagues."

"I am leaving a job, but not leaving the relationships," Gerig added. "I leave GFC with many special relationships with alumni, students and colleagues that will remain constant and firm."

"I will miss the excitement and satisfaction of working with growing and stretching students on a residential campus. I'll also miss some of the humor and fun that only creative collegians can generate."

Stevens said a search committee to fill the vice president post, one of four in the George Fox organizational structure, would not be named



Lee Gerig addressing the student body after the announcement of his resignation.

immediately and that Deb Lacey, Associate Dean of Students will become acting Dean of Students for the remainder of the current year.

"I have every reason to believe that student life will have strong fresh leadership," said Gerig. "The Student Life staff is very experienced and capable to handle the changes

that come ahead."

While in Seattle previously, Gerig served as a marketing and admissions consultant in higher education. Prior to entering college administration, Gerig was a high school counselor, vocal music teacher and a youth and music minister. He has a master's degree in education and counseling

from Indiana University and is an ordained minister of the Missionary Church.

At George Fox the vice president for student affairs is responsible for the college's student residence life, Christian life, counseling, discipline, health service, athletics, and career development.

ASCGFC to hold elections

Elections for next year's Central Committee officers of the Associated Student Community of George Fox College will be held Friday, April 18 during Chapel.

The 11:00 a.m. program next week in Bauman Auditorium will include speeches by candidates and balloting by students.

Students will run for office in twelve Central Committee positions including President, Vice President, Activities Coordinator, Christian Service Chairman, Communications Director, and Treasurer.

Running for President and Vice President will be

Bishop with running mate Julia Fields. Bishop is currently a junior sociology major and Fields is a junior psychology major. No other petitions for the president/vice-president ticket were received as of Monday, April 7.

The ASCGFC Central Committee is responsible for administering student-run activities and services for George Fox College including publications, social activities, and Christian service and ministry opportunities. The committee administers an annual budget of approximately \$50,000.

Millage announces Hobson closure

by Michelle Downing

Vice President for Finance, Don Millage, announced March 28 that Hobson residence hall will be closed for the 1986-87 school year.

The men's residence hall will be closed to reduce the number of empty beds on campus, according to Millage.

To make up for the loss in male housing, the south wing of Edwards Hall will be open exclusively to men.

According to Millage, there are currently 149 empty beds in campus housing. Ideally, said Millage, only 30-35 beds should remain.

Millage said Hobson will be closed instead of other dorms because cutting Hobson's 79 beds will bring the number of vacant beds closer to the ideal figure

In addition, Millage said that Hobson's maintenance expenses are quite high. According to Millage, the building was poorly constructed and is the least cost efficient of all the residence halls.

It's estimated that closing the hall will save \$35,000-\$40,000 over the next year.

Millage said that it would be more economical to close Lewis Apartments to students and rent them to the public, but closing Hobson was chosen to give students more housing options.

The closure is only expected for one year. But if next year's enrollment doesn't increase by 20, the dorm will remain closed for another year.

resulted from declining enrollment over the past few years. This year's fall enrollment has dropped from 624 the year before to 581, a 7 percent decrease.

Edwards Hall, which presently houses men on one floor and women on four of the remaining five floors, will house three men's floors and three women's floors. Although Edwards was recently an all female residence, the building was originally designed to house both sexes, both in different wings.

Due to the cut in dorm rooms next year, single occupancy rooms will not be an option, although a few students may by chance be left without roommates, according to Millage.

A tale of two letters

Dear Administration;

I have recently heard a number of students express some feelings of resentment. This feeling seems to stem from what they view as a lack of trust and/or communication from you to them. I think most of them realize that you are the decision makers and the ones with final authority but they don't feel included in some decisions which will affect them and their education here at Fox. Since they see themselves as being significant investors in the college, they want to have more of a voice in what takes place or at least to have a chance to be heard. Is there some way that an open forum could take place once a term, perhaps in the evening, to hear feedback and thoughts from the students on important decisions before they are made? I think this would cure much of the negative feelings I've heard.

Dear Students;

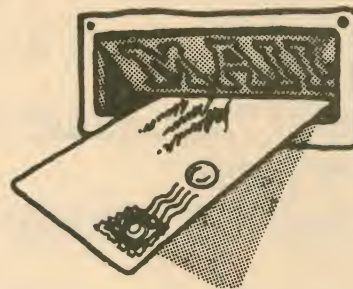
I have not talked with the Administration recently, but I

do know that these leaders are trying to make decisions with wisdom. They are not thinking only of themselves. I have met each of these leaders personally and have spent some quality time hearing them and talking with them. I have seen in each of them a desire to follow Christ and a genuine concern for us as students; not just as a number, but with honest care for what happens to us and where we are headed. The

Administration here at Fox is approachable and that is not a quality found in many college administrations. It is up to us to initiate conversation and comments with them. They do make mistakes and may be insensitive at times, but consider the difficulty of their jobs. Many different factors must be weighed by them whenever they make decisions and they can never please everyone. It's very easy to throw stones at them when you've never stepped into their shoes.

These two letters are ones I've composed in an attempt to show the mutual responsibility each of the two above mentioned parties have in resolving a problem I am perceiving on campus. The problem is a wall that seems to be going up between our leaders and the followers. I think each party has made mistakes in supplying bricks for this wall but that is not the point of this article. I think it's time we all begin to dismantle the wall before it becomes a very serious problem. Honesty and grace must be foundational in all our efforts. So must communication. In fact, I think good communication, or lack thereof, is the main cause for this wall. I sincerely love this place. I'm not talking about the physical campus, even though I enjoy it very much, I'm talking about the people; administration, faculty, staff, and students. That is what this place is all about.

George Myers



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Thanks Lee!!!

Last week, the GFC Community said goodbye to its student dean for the past seven years, Lee Gerig.

While the college will miss their contribution to campus life, we rejoice with both Lee and Jo Gerig for the new opportunities God has opened for them.

Gerig has recently the post of Dean of Admissions and Marketing at Seattle University. His duties will include supervising the admissions departments of the undergraduate and graduate levels of the college.

Since 1979, Gerig has headed up the student life office in charge of housing, Christian life, counseling, and

career development for George Fox students. As one of the four college vice presidents, Gerig has played an integral role in shaping college policy and representing student concerns.

As with anyone else in a similar position, Gerig's decisions were not always met with a favorable reception by all students all the time, but Gerig's leadership has been invaluable to the college community. We'll not only miss his administrative skills, but his friendliness to students on campus and his enthusiasm for school spirit.

His ministry here will be long remembered.

Discovering God's will

I have personally been experiencing some confusion on what God's will is for my life. I have noticed in the last couple of weeks that many people are asking "What is God's will" concerning everything from the crisis in Libya to situations in their personal life. Yet there are still many people who are afraid to ask this very question.

Why is this? I personally have been to the place where I did not want God's will.

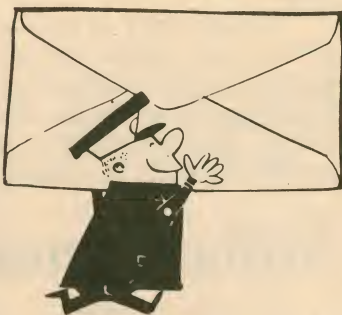
Many people are so set on their profession or projected income bracket that they often ignore God's will. People seem to be more concerned with their own selfish motives than with what God wants for our lives.


I guess what I'm trying to say is that if every George Fox College student, faculty, and administrator would find God's will then everything would fall in its place. What is everything? Everything includes all from the college president worrying about

finances and enrollment to a professor wondering how to make classes better for their students to students worrying about next week's exams or their school bill. I feel that if we work together as a team then George Fox can be an exciting, prosperous place. I also think that each person would feel better about themselves. I would like to leave you with a scriptural admonishment.

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Greg Wilson





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Peace/war themes dramatized

Selections from some of Western civilization's foremost poets on the theme of peace and war will be dramatized in a reader's theater presentation today at George Fox College.

"Swords of Sorrow: Poets on War and Peace" is the theme for a two-event presentation funded by an Oregon Committee for the Humanities grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A follow-up discussion of the dramatized poetry will be held next week, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Newberg Public Library.

Both events are free, made possible by a \$1,500 grant to the George Fox College Center for Peace Learning.

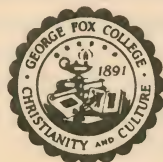
In tonight's opening performance, the Chrysalis Theatre Company will perform in George Fox College's Wood-Mar Auditorium. The four member cast, based in

Newberg, will mime texts selected and adapted by Ed Higgins, George Fox associate professor of writing and literature.

Chrysalis is an independent drama troupe with experience in readers theater, improvisation, mime and community theater. Troupe director is Ben Dobbeck, a 1981 GFC graduate in communication arts.

Following the readers theater presentation the audience and theater company cast members will participate in a discussion with Higgins, centered around the theme of the program and the creative artist's interpretation of the human struggle concerning war and peace.

Both the first performance and the second discussion forum will explore the poet's vision concerning war and peace as they contribute to society's overall perception of itself.



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Bryan Duncan in concert last Friday night in Rauman

Haiti group delayed by political discord

by Ed Kidd

Plane cancellations in Haiti recently extended the spring breaks of several George Fox students, although many wouldn't call their trip a vacation.

When the students finally came home, they were greeted by several TV cameras and newspaper reporters wanting to cover their experiences in the strife-filled country.

The GFC peace center sponsored group, led by director Lon Fendall and assistant director Ron Mock, left March 13 to help in a reforestation project in the village of Fond-de-blanc.

The homecoming was covered by Portland television channels 2, 6, 8, and 12, U.S.A. Today, United Press International, International Media Services, *The Oregonian*, and the *Newberg Graphic*.

The group's return was postponed for three days when their flight on Eastern Airlines was canceled on Sunday, March 23. Eastern Airlines and Delta cut their flights to and from Haiti after political unrest left five dead in Port-Au-Prince, the country's capital, the previous Friday.

When they arrived at the Port-Au-Prince airport on Sunday, the group reported that the city was unorganized but relatively peaceful. According to Fendall, the group was never in danger from the unrest.

The trip was planned by the Peace Center last summer before the political turmoil from the resignation of President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier erupted a few months ago.

The George Fox group helped the Haitians build root

trainer racks for seedling trees. The trees, when nurtured enough, will be planted in badly needed reforestation projects.

The students also went to learn about the problems of peace in a third world country and to find out about the Christian faith of Haitians. "It was educational and interesting to see life in rural Haiti where the poverty is so all-encompassing," said senior Dan Price.

Students accompanying Fendall and Mock on the tour were Dan Price, Linda Canfield, Mary Mills, Jim Quatier, and Pam Rose.

The trip was coordinated by the Peace Center and the Haiti Christian Development Fund, headed by Jean Thomas, a Haitian, and his wife Joy, a George Fox graduate.



Lon Fendall talking with reporters at Portland International Airport.

Students give pop test

by Kasey Crocker

Can you really pick your preferred cola drink in a taste test?

Probably not, if the results of a George Fox College survey are typical.

A test was designed to see if persons could pick their stated preference between Classic Coke, New Coke and Pepsi.

"Basically, they wanted to see if the Pepsi challenge worked," said Dr. James Foster, George Fox associate professor of psychology.

Students in a research methods class conducted the test, involving 103 persons on campus.

The class performed the experiment twice to see if students could pick their preference consistently. Both

times most could not.

Just half of the persons tested could pick their stated preference in cola. And only half of those could pick it twice in a row.

Of those that could tell the difference in drinks, half chose Pepsi, the other half picked Coke. Therefore, there is no "better product," according to the survey, although the findings are limited.

"People who drink a lot of pop were better at it, but still not 100 percent accurate," Foster said.

The Research Methods course has students design and conduct experimental research as a preparation for graduate work in psychology or related fields.

Students learn in Miss.

by Dave Nolte

Five students and Professor Ralph Beebe traveled to Jackson, Mississippi over Spring Break. The trip, sponsored by the Christian Service Committee and partially funded by student government and participating students themselves, was organized for the purpose of educating students about racial issues.

"What is it like to be white in a largely black society?" "What is it like to be black period?" And, "How should I, or how can I, relate to blacks in the community?"

Deana Douty, Cindy Voigtel, Melanie Rienstra, Nancy Roley, Bruce Baldwin, and Beebe departed March 14th. Each student paid \$240 dollars for air fare to and from, while student government donated \$590 towards trip expenses, including car rental, meals, a museum visit, and admission to "The Color Purple."

The trip, instead of a missions-type emphasis, was more of an educational study tour. Students enrolled in

the "Christian Community Development" class were able to earn up to 3 hours credit, while students not enrolled in the class could receive other academic field credit. But the trip was also a holistic educational tour in that students were able to experience both sides of the racial issue--black and white. The five students visited Voice of Calvary's three centers in Mississippi, in Jackson, Mendenhall, and New Hebron, and attended a concert, "Unity in Gospel," at Jackson State University.

The five students and professor Beebe were able, via rental car, to visit Natchez with its pre-Civil War homes, and the site of the Battle of Vicksburg, as well as a Confederate museum.

Besides "catching a little glimpse of what black students on campus must feel like," according to Bruce Baldwin, all received another surprising reward: two round trip tickets each to anywhere in the continental U.S. for twice giving up their return seats on overbooked flights

GFC prepares for semester shift

by Dave Lehman

George Fox College is the latest participant in a trend in U. S. Colleges to shift from a quarter to a semester plan.

The change, which will be in effect for the 1986-87 academic year, will enable GFC to update and strengthen its course offerings according to Registrar Hector Munn.

"No credits will be lost in the transition," said Munn. Credits earned under the quarter system will transfer to the semester system. According to Munn, students who have taken a normal load under the quarter plan will still be able to graduate in four years under the new semester plan.

By May 13, each student and his/her advisor will be provided with an official major check sheet from the Registrar's office stating which credits have been completed and what courses

need to be taken under the new system. For 1987 graduates, semester courses needed to complete graduation requirements will be listed on the "Evaluation Request" form they were scheduled to complete earlier.

According to Munn, the new system will not cost students more money. The yearly tuition rate will be divided by two instead of three. Students under the guaranteed tuition plan will pay the same rate, while other students will pay only normal cost increases. Students under the deferred payment plan will make four payments during the semester instead of three payments made under the quarter plan.

One problem students may encounter is a shortened summer due to school starting earlier next year. Students are encouraged to contact the financial aid office if this will

lower their earnings for the summer. Alumni and trustees have been asked to hire GFC students which will cut down on time spent looking for jobs. Students may enquire in Bonnie Jerke's office about these jobs.

Under the new system the academic year will be divided into two 15 week semesters. School will start September 3 and end May 4.

There will be a 4 day Thanksgiving break. Christmas break will run from December 20 until January 7. Spring break will coincide with the public school system, March 19-27.

According to Lee Nash, only 24% of U.S. schools are still on the term or quarter system. Of the 90 schools that changed calendars last year not one changed to the term system, and 71 moved to the early semester.

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Track Bruins take first in home meet

Senior decathlete Keith Wigley scored 20 points himself and helped with 10 others as George Fox College demolished Lewis & Clark and Whitman in GFC's first home track meet of the year.

George Fox collected 11 firsts in 18 events and picked off another 11 in second finishes to compile 104 points. Lewis & Clark was a distant second with 58 and Whitman had 31 in the Saturday (April 5) triangular held under sunny, but windy, conditions.

Wigley was nearly a one-man show. His efforts:

...first in the 110 high hurdles at 15.2

...first in the high jump at 6-4

...first in the pole vault at 13-0

...first in the triple jump at 43-9

...helping the Bruins win the 400 meter relay at 43.8

...helping the Bruins win the 1,600 meters at 3:36.83

"Keith's hurdling is doing fantastic," Coach Rich Allen said. "With his mark in the triple jump he qualified for district."

Senior Mike Watts nearly equaled Wigley with three firsts: 147-0 in the hammer, 41-9 in the shot and 133-11 in the discus. He was second in the javelin at 154-5.

"I'm really excited about Mike's improvement," said Allen. "He's coming off some serious arm injuries, and for him to do this is great." Watts competed most of the afternoon with his right arm bandaged and taped.

Allen also praised the performance of senior distance runner Dwight Larabee. He won the 5,000 meters with a personal best of 15:45.0.

Allen, a 17-year track veteran, spread the praise to all his squad. "I was extremely pleased with the competitiveness of our team," he said. "We're still a little behind where I thought we would be, but we have some injuries that are slowing us down and once we recover from those we should be all right."

The Bruins' other first place finisher was Rich Blanchette with a 162-6 javelin toss. Sharing first place honors with Wigley in the 400 meters were David Mueller, Jerry Fuls, and Tim Hyatt. In the 1,600 meters Wigley was running with Mueller, Fuls, and Randy Swigart.

George Fox's second place performances: Dave Elkins, 130-2 in the hammer; Paul Maddox, 37-0 in the shot; Scott Ball, 10:14.2 in the steeplechase; Steve Graham, 5-8 in the high jump; Mark Protzman, 4:13.6 in the 1,500, four-tenths second out of first; Fuls at 42-9 1/4 in the triple jump; Ball, 2:04.8 in the 800; Swigart, 52.5 in the 400, three-tenths second out of first; and Maddox in the discus at 125-11.

The Bruins have little time to recover. Thursday (April 9) they host Linfield in a 3 p.m. meet on Colcord Field.

Wittenberg throws inches from record

George Fox College's All-American Paula Wittenberg demonstrated Saturday (April 5) why she wears that title.

The senior from Circle, Montana, hurled the discus 151-1, one of the best throws in the nation this year in the NAIA and within inches of the existing national record.

Wittenberg, who set a new school record with her toss, topped her previous best of 146-9 set in 1984, and came within one inch of last spring's winning women's discus toss of 151-2 by Beth Stuart of Kearney State, Neb.

The current NAIA national standard is 151-7, set by Lynette Antoine of St. Augustine's College in the 1982 national championships.

Wittenberg twice has finished runner-up to the national champion, last year with a 145-1 toss in Hillsdale, Michigan, and the year before with her 146-9, just one inch out of top spot.

Wittenberg has twice won the NAIA District 2 discus title, with a 139-1 toss in 1984 and a 132-10 effort last spring.

Wittenberg credits watching TV for her improvement--not network programs but videotapes of her practices. Along with her coach, Rich Allen, she's been reviewing her throwing form.

"I was really pretty happy," Wittenberg said of her reaction upon hearing the distance announced. She said her toss "felt pretty good" when the discus left her hand, a good sign. "I couldn't think of having done anything wrong; usually I can tell if it was not perfect; I can tell

something is wrong."

Wittenberg's best toss last year was 145-3.

In other GFC women's results, the Lady Bruins won three more first places.

Denise Fox won the javelin with a 133-0 toss. Nancy Roley took the 3,000 meters at 11:10.8 and Cheryl Funk was first in the shot with a 38-7.

Roley also took a second in the 1,500 at 5:04.1, a half second out of first. Also earning a second was Karen Wilkenson with a 15.9 in the 110-meter hurdles, three-tenths second out of first. Sue Woolsey was fourth in the javelin with a 75-2.

Final team score was GFC 30, Lewis & Clark 62, Whitman 63.

Bruins edge Linfield; lose following three

The George Fox College baseball Bruins started out their week right--edging Yamhill County rival Linfield 3-2--but that was the lone bright spot as the Newberg team fell three times the rest of the week to run its season mark to 3-13.

Following the victory over Linfield Tuesday (April 1) in McMinnville, the Bruins lost to Lewis and Clark 8-4 the next day in Portland, then were embarrassed by Western Oregon State 17-0 and 4-0 Saturday in Newberg.

Dave Draper, a Newberg freshman, did his best to reverse the Bruin fortunes, pitching a strong 6 1/3 innings to lead his team to the victory over Linfield.

The win offered hope for the future, according to Berry. "It was the kind of game we had been losing, and we won it, plus we faced three pretty good pitchers..."

Down 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth, the Bruins scored when Matt Nosack, GFC's leading hitter going into the week (.397), singled and stole second. Then, with two outs, short-stop Hector Velez drove him in with a single.

The game had been scheduled for Newberg, but field conditions forced the home opener to be moved to McMinnville, with GFC retaining the "home team" status.

Draper helped his own cause when he doubled home Nosack in the sixth to tie the game at 2 each. Nosack came through again in the eighth with the game winner. With two outs, he singled home outfielder Marce Sellas. Emerging as the clutch hitter, Nosack accounted for all runs, scoring twice and driving in the third.

At Lewis & Clark, righthander Chris Anderson threw a strong 5 1/3 innings before giving way to freshman Perry Laney. The turning point was the seventh inning. After getting stung early to fall behind 4-0, Anderson settled down and the Bruins battled to within one at 5-4.

Lewis & Clark then loaded the bases with no one out, and then a grounder to McGann started the fireworks. McGann, a freshman from Emmett, Idaho, threw to Kevin Bottenfield to force the runner from third and then

Bottenfield threw to Nosack at first base to try to complete a double play.

Needing to step off the bag to make the catch around the runner, the junior first sacker got bowled over on the play.

Berry complained vigorously that it was interference by Lewis & Clark on the relay to first. It was to no avail, and Berry received his first ejection from a game this season.

The Bruins might have gotten away with no damage, but Carlos Ortiz threw the ball into the dugout on a line-drive out on the next play, and two runs scored.

The error negated a double by Ortiz in the third that had driven in a run. In the fifth inning, Ortiz scored after stealing second base and Sellas doubled him in. The freshman second baseman also figured in the final run, also in the seventh inning.

The weather finally cooperated for the Bruins to let them get in their home opener Saturday. But a rain delay might have been better. After almost sweeping a pair at Monmouth earlier in the season, the Bruins had a nightmare at home.

Draper, whom Berry now calls "our number one starter," pitched the first game. Struggling early, he walked four and gave up five hits in the first three innings, leading to six runs. Still, Berry qualified that by saying "it wasn't all his fault; he didn't pitch all that badly--those six errors behind him hurt."

The turning point came in the second and third innings. In the bottom of the second, Bottenfield broke out of his slump. After Draper had singled, Bottenfield doubled pinch-runner Rudy Barcarose to third with one out, but they were left stranded.

The second game showed "we are capable of regrouping and being able to come back," Berry said. Losing 4-0, Chris Anderson "pitched well and a couple of those runs they never should have gotten," Berry said.

Although the score was much closer the second time around, the Bruins tallied just three hits, two of them on doubles by Bottenfield.

Lady Bruins sweep WOSC in double header

Sweeping a double-header from Western Oregon for the first time in NAIA competition, George Fox College's softball Bruins are off to a 3-1 start after the opening week of action.

The Lady Bruins stopped Western's Wolves 3-2 and 2-1 Wednesday (April 2) in Monmouth, then split a doubleheader at home the next day with Oregon Tech, winning the opener 4-0 and dropping the second 3-0.

"We played really aggressive and put pressure on the Wolves' defense to make mistakes," said Lady Bruin boss Craig Taylor.

George Fox won its season opener in extra innings, saved in the ninth by the heads-up play of freshman LaShawn Elston, McMinnville, who stopped an attempt to steal home on a passed ball. Elston tagged out the runner to save the game.

GFC stayed in control through the second contest, with the Wolves threatening

only in the seventh, scoring one run. The rally was quickly quelled by the Bruins.

At home with OIT, George Fox dominated the first game, with Taylor crediting "good, strong defense."

The Lady Bruins scored once in the second inning, twice in the third, and once more in the fourth frame.

But the tide turned in the nightcap as OIT's Owls shut out the Bruins. "No runs, no wins; we can't win a ball game without any base runners," Taylor said afterward.

All four games were pitched by sophomore Dee Aarhus, who finished the week with a sharp .046 average, giving up just seven runs in 30 innings. She also struck out 14 batters.

Aarhus, from Vancouver, Wash., pitched every game last season. This year she is backed up by Elston.

But that awaits the healing of junior Chris Gross, out with knee surgery. Gross will

replace Elston behind the plate, freeing Elston for some pitching assignments.

"We really miss Chris's leadership out on the field," Taylor said. "She'll help us behind the plate and in spirit," he said.

The Bruins so far are being led by senior shortstop Diane Walter, batting .545, with six hits in 11 at bats.

Overall, Taylor said he is pleased. "We're making some changes in DHers (designated hitters) and fielding positions, trying to find our best approach," he said. "It's really nice to be winning through it all."

The Bruins face defending NAIA District 2 champions Pacific University on Wednesday (April 9) in Forest Grove, travel to Warner Pacific on Saturday (April 12), and do not return home again until April 16, hosting University of Puget Sound in a doubleheader.